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Sen Mitchell proposes putting out the following statement tomorrow. We would respond on specific commitments on Ramat Shlomo if asked.

Special Envoy Mitchell left the Middle East on Sunday, where he completed the first round of proximity talks with Israeli and Palestinian leaders. The talks were serious and wide-ranging.

Special Envoy Mitchell emphasized the importance of making progress in the proximity talks and of moving to direct negotiations as soon as possible. We have received commitments from both sides, and we have made assurances to both sides, that are enabling us to move forward. The full scope of these discussions will remain private.

As both parties know, if either side takes significant actions during the proximity talks that we judge would seriously undermine trust, we will respond to hold them accountable and ensure that negotiations continue.

Special Envoy Mitchell will return to the region next week to continue indirect negotiations with the parties.